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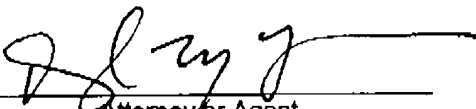
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Attention: **BOX Non-Fee Amendment**

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In response to the final Office Action mailed July 17, 2002, please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel existing claims 5 to 11 as requested by Examiner.

Please amend existing claims 1 and 3 as follows:

1. (First Amended) A process for the liquid phase production of cumene which comprises the step of contacting benzene and propylene under liquid phase alkylating conditions with a particulate molecular sieve alkylation catalyst, wherein the particles of said alkylation catalyst have a surface to volume ratio of about 80 to less than 200 inch^{-1} .

3. (First Amended) The process of claim 1 wherein the molecular sieve of the alkylation catalyst is selected from the group consisting of MCM-22, PSH-3, SSZ-25, MCM-36, MCM-49, MCM-56, faujasite, mordenite and zeolite beta.

Please add new claim 12 as follows:

12. (New) A process for producing cumene which comprises the step of contacting benzene and propylene under at least partial liquid phase alkylating conditions with a particulate molecular sieve alkylation catalyst selected from the group consisting of MCM-22, PSH-3, SSZ-25, MCM-36, MCM-49, MCM-56, mordenite and zeolite beta,